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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Special Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in special session on January 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jessica Tubbs presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Adam Fisher, Jason Hursey, Kenny Koch, Tyler Maple, Christie Maurer and Jacob Yoho were present.

Mayor Tubbs commented that the sole purpose for the Special Council meeting is to present the resolution below regarding police department grant application submission.

Police Chief Morgan Eckelberry presented the resolution on the agenda requesting authorization to submit a grant application to the Office of Criminal Justice Services for the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program to purchase Flock cameras. Flock cameras are license plate reader cameras that would be placed at each of the 4 entrances to the village. Though there may be concern with privacy, the cameras would only be used to assist with investigations, and a case ID number is required to search for license plate numbers. Pictures are taken of the plates only, not the drivers or passengers in the vehicle. There have been several auto thefts in the village recently and the cameras would assist in those investigations as well as other crimes such as domestic violence or assaults where the suspect leaves the scene. The plate numbers only stay in the database for 30 days. For 4 cameras, the 3-year contract would be \$36,000. The Coshocton County Sheriff's Office has a few cameras placed throughout the county. Use of the cameras would allow access to all Flock cameras in the system throughout the United States and show all cameras that the vehicle has passed. Councilman Yoho commented that he would like to do some research on Flock to see how good they are. Chief Eckelberry stated that the grant information was received only about a week ago and the grant submission deadline is January 8, 2026, thus the reason to call the special meeting. Councilman Maple inquired to the number of other communities that are utilizing Flock cameras and Chief Eckleberry estimated roughly 11,000. There was further discussion introduced by Councilman Koch with wording suggestions on how the grant funds should be used as well as recommending officer training on the proper use of the camera system. Council will be required to approve the final camera contract amount due to the dollar amount per the village purchasing policy. The resolution does specify that the grant funds be used for the cameras. Councilman Hursey inquired about the camera software annual fee and Chief Eckelberry responded that it is included in the quoted amount, which is for 3 years. After the 3 years, if no further grants are awarded the annual fee will be the responsibility of the village should the program continue. Councilman Koch wanted it to be on record that training on the camera system be conducted for all existing and new officers.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2026-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF AND/OR FISCAL OFFICER TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (OCJS)

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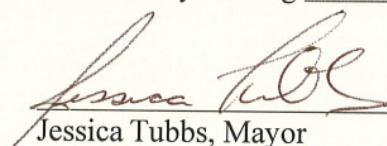
FOR THE STATE OF OHIO VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Adam Fisher to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2026-02. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Resolution 2026-02. Roll call 6 yes.

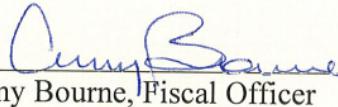
A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Jason Hursey to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

A full recording of this evening's minutes can be heard by visiting www.westlafayettevillage.com and clicking on the recorded minutes tab.



Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Bourne
Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer